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Dennis Dickerson
Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200
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RE: Salts Workplan to Address Surface Water Impairments on the Calleguas Creek Watershed

Dear Mr. Dickerson

The Camarillo Sanitary District, Ventura County Water Works District No. 1, Pleasant Valley County Water District, City of Simi Valley, City of Thousand Oaks, Calleguas Municipal Water District and the Camrosa Water District, in cooperation with representatives from those organizations listed in the attached roster of stakeholders, have prepared workplans to address the water quality impairments to the surface waters of the Calleguas Creek Watershed (CCW). The Salts Workplan is enclosed. The Metals, Pesticides, Toxicity, and Bacteria Workplans, as well as an Administrative and Public Process Document, will follow on January 25 to accommodate some stakeholders' request for additional review time.

The Workplans address the common goal of all interested parties on the watershed - the removal of all surface water quality impairments on the CCW. Our strategy for achieving this goal has three elements. The first is to reassess as appropriate water quality standards to assure that given the information available today the beneficial use truly exists and if so is impaired. The second element of our strategy is to develop implementation plans that will result in restoration of the beneficial uses that have been impaired. Finally, our strategy is to develop the necessary TMDL's to reduce and control the source of the pollutant causing the water quality impairment.

The principles that will guide our efforts throughout this process are:

- To maintain an inclusive and open process

- To comply with both the Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Act
- To protect and optimize our water supplies
- To develop solutions that make the most efficient use of all resources
- To develop feasible solutions that result in value to the communities on the CCW
- To provide the LARWQCB with work products that are consistent with their policies and procedures
- To provide the LARWQCB with information they need to make sound decisions for the benefit of the CCW.

The Salts Workplan, as well as the Workplans to follow, may require additional detail and are still open to comment. The Administrative and Public Process portion of the Workplans is an item we feel requires the opportunity to evolve as interested parties begin to implement and participate in these Workplans. The Salts Workplan, however, is very comprehensive. The stakeholders have been actively involved in its development for several months and the deadline for completion is rapidly approaching; therefore, we encourage timely review of the Salts Workplan.

As a final point we encourage you and your staff to avoid extended attempts to refine these Workplans, we believe that confidence in our collective ability to be successful will grow as we move forward. We have realized that this process is new frontier for all of us. We need to learn through doing, build trust through our actions, and build confidence through progress.

We look forward to what promises to be a cooperative effort to address the water quality and the water resource issues on the CCW. We look forward to discussing the enclosed material with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Co-chairs of the Calleguas Creek Watershed Water/ Water Quality Sub-committee:

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